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FOREWORD

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SPONSORS OF THE 'ANTI NAZI LEAGUE'

from Squadron-Leader John Harrison-Broadley, DFC (RAF Retd.)

DEAR SPONSOR,

The Liberal MP for Colne Valley, Mr. Richard Wainwright, was formerly a Sponsor of the 'Anti Nazi League', but he withdrew all support for its national activities in July 1978 "because of the lack of any democratically elected management controlling it."

This is certainly a rather strange state of affairs in an organisation which is supposedly in existence to "defend democracy". The explanation of all this lies in the fact that the 'Anti Nazi League' is nothing of the sort. Despite its pretensions to moderation and non-violence, the 'Anti Nazi League' is patently a front for rampant Marxism, and a launching platform for hysterical violence.

As this booklet will seek to establish, the real purpose of the 'Anti Nazi League' is not even primarily to combat the National Front, but to advance the power of the Marxist revolutionaries who control the 'Anti Nazi League' at all levels. These Marxists are merely using the 'Anti Nazi League' and you in order to achieve their own political objectives. Their objectives are threefold: 1) To build a 'Popular Front'

embracing the Labour Party and the extreme Left, and thereby to unite their forces in a more powerful and effective alliance; 2) To recruit new converts to their ranks; 3) To prepare the way for violent revolution by inuring their young supporters to violence, first against the National Front, then against the Police, and finally against society as a whole.

Their ultimate aim is nothing less than a Communist dictatorship. Is that the kind of society that you joined the 'Anti Nazi League' to protect or promote?

We do not expect any of the facts contained in this booklet will convert you into becoming an NF supporter. But we do hope to correct the false image that the 'Anti Nazi League' likes to project of itself and of our party.

Through its use of sports personalities, showbiz celebrities, academics and other persons of prominence, the 'Anti Nazi League' tries to give the general public the impression that it is a peaceful, lawful, constitutional non-party political, and above all respectable pressure group devoted to

maintaining freedom and democracy – even the British way of life!

If you have this impression of the 'Anti Nazi League' you have been tricked. The 'Anti Nazi League' is a vicious, violent and subversive alliance of Marxist opportunists, self-publicists and agitators.

On the basis of whatever information or misinformation you have about the National Front you may very well continue to be a staunch opponent of our organisation. That is your right. You may also, after you have read the mass of facts contained in this booklet (each of which is documented), decide to continue to support the 'Anti Nazi League'. That is also your right. But at least you will know that your name is being used by criminal and near-criminal inhabitants of the political underworld who control the 'Anti Nazi League' from behind the scenes.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN HARRISON-BROADLEY
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(RAF Retd.)
President of the National Front

CHAPTER 1

WHO IS BEHIND THE 'ANTI NAZI LEAGUE'?

THE TRIUMVERATE

The original inspiration and impetus for the formation of the 'Anti Nazi League' came from the Board of Deputies of British Jews – Britain's premier Jewish community and Zionist organisation.

Having seen it on the road, the Board subsequently decided for tactical reasons to "distance" itself by means of complaints that the 'Anti Nazi League' was soliciting funds from Jewish businessmen without consulting it, and contrary to an explicit assurance given to the Board of Deputies by the other parties when the 'Anti Nazi League' was formed.

Despite this the Board's principal representative, Miriam Karlin (a member of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry), has retained her membership of the Steering Committee which runs the 'Anti Nazi League'.

The other main elements behind the 'Anti Nazi League' fall into two categories: Marxists inside the Labour Party and Marxists outside the Labour Party.

The Marxists inside the Labour Party are mainly associated with the Marxist

Tribune Group, and/or are sympathisers with the Trotskyite-Marxist tendency organised around the Labour Party Young Socialists' newspaper, *Militant*. There are, however, numerous other Marxist splinter groups which pursue a policy of infiltrating the Labour Party, which is known in Marxist circles as "Entryism".

The Marxists outside the Labour Party are mostly members of the Socialist Workers' Party, the International Marxist Group (both pseudo-Trotskyite), and the Moscow-line Communist Party. Of these, the Socialist Workers' Party and the International Marxist Group are openly revolutionary, while the Communist Party has adopted a public image of following a Parliamentary road to power.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

A report by Gerard Kemp in the *Sunday Express* (30.4.78) quoted the 'Anti Nazi League' Organiser, Paul Holborow, as listing eight other people as then forming with him, the 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Committee. In publications both before and after

this date, however, another individual – Nigel Harris – is also identified as a member.



Zionist Miriam Karlin holds a watching brief for the Board of Deputies of British Jews on the 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Committee

(See *Bradford Telegraph and Argus*, 23.1.78, the *Jewish Chronicle*, 30.6.78 and *Opinion* – Journal of Society of Civil Servants – July/August 1978).

Besides Miriam Karlin, all the other nine known members are Marxists.

The three top executive positions in the 'Anti Nazi League' are those of the full-time



Nigel Harris, an 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Committee member, is believed to be the current or former editor of *International Socialism*, the Socialist Workers' Party's theoretical journal

paid **Organiser**, the Press Officer and the Treasurer. These positions are held by Paul Holborow (as mentioned above), Peter Hain and Ernie Roberts respectively. These three men were also the "Founder Organisers" of the 'Anti Nazi League' and their names appeared on the circular letter appealing for official Sponsors for the organisation.

Besides Nigel Harris (who is or was the editor of *International Socialism* - the SWP's theoretical journal) and Maurice Ludmer, who has connections with the Communist Party, the other four members of the 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Com-



Audrey Wise, MP, a member of the 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Committee, is a member of *Labour's Marxist Tribune Group*

mittee belong, like Hain, to the Tribune Group. These are Joe Ashton (MP for Bassetlaw), Martin Flannery (MP for Hillsborough), Neil Kinnock (MP for Bedwely), and Audrey Wise (MP for Coventry South West).

Having briefly outlined the political affiliations of the Steering Committee of the 'Anti Nazi League', let us now go on to examine the other Sponsors, activists and supporters of the 'Anti Nazi League' on a party by party basis. (Fuller biographies of some of the leading personalities in the 'Anti Nazi League' will be found in Chapter 5 - "Some 'Anti Nazi League' Nasties".)

THE LABOUR PARTY

Besides those Labour MPs mentioned above as belonging to the 'Anti Nazi League's' Steering Committee there are a large number of other Labour MPs who are both members of the Tribune Group and Sponsors of the 'Anti Nazi League'. These are Frank Allaun (Salford East), Ron Atkins (Preston North), Norman Atkinson (Totten-



A section of an 'Anti Nazi League' march in Brentwood, Essex, on Saturday July 1st, 1978. Note the banner of the Labour Party's Trotskyite-Marxist *Militant* tendency

ham), Sidney Bidwell (Southall), Norman Buchan (Renfrewshire East), Dennis Canavan (Stirlingshire West), Bob Cryer (Keighley), Joe Dean (Leeds West), Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Colne), Roy Hughes (Newport), Margaret Jackson (Lincoln), James Lamond (Oldham East), Arthur Latham (Paddington), Tom Litterick (Selly Oak), Max Madden (Sowerby), Joan Maynard (Sheffield Brightside), Ian Mikardo (Bethnal Green and Bow), Stan Newens (Harlow), Michael Noble (Rossendale), Jo Richardson (Barking), Jeff Rooker (Perry Bar), Dennis Skinner (Bolsover), Ron Thomas (Bristol North West), and Stan Thorne (Preston South).

A number of these Marxist Tribune Group Labour MPs have direct connections with the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers' Party, or Communist Eastern Europe.

Frank Allaun has contributed to the Communist Party's *Labour Monthly* and has spoken on Radio Moscow.

Sidney Bidwell was a sympathiser with the Trotskyite variety of Marxism, and used to lecture on Marxism to Trade Unionists. A former Chairman of the Tribune Group, he is also a strong supporter of the Communist Party's *Morning Star* newspaper. In the 12th July, 1973 issue of *Morning Star*, Bidwell said that the paper "must be supported and sustained."

He also wrote in the *Morning Star* that he had negligible differences with its policies.



Arthur Latham, MP, a Marxist Tribune and an 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor

except that unlike the published view of the Communist Party, he did not rule out civil war and violence in the transition to socialism, a term he regards as interchangeable with Communism. (See *The Free Nation*. 7-20 July, 1978.) Bidwell was a leading contributor to the *Morning Star's* discussion on the Communist Party's *British Road to Socialism* policy document.

Arthur Latham is another former Chairman of the Tribune Group, and a supporter of *Militant*. His local Labour Party branch is so geriatric and Left-wing that his election campaigns have become heavily dependent on the local Communist Party branch.

Joan Maynard has been a frequent speaker at Communist Party rallies. She has also spoken for the pro-IRA *Troops Out Movement*, which is dominated by the



Joan Maynard, MP. This 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor is a Tribune Marxist who frequently addresses Communist Party rallies

International Marxist Group, and has appeared on the same platform as the President of the Official Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Official IRA. She too has contributed to the Communist Party's *Labour Monthly* and spoken on Radio Moscow.

Ian Mikardo, who happily combines Marxism, Zionism and Capitalism, is the founder and director of Ian Mikardo Ltd., which specialises in trade deals with the Communist bloc, particularly East Germany.



Ian Mikardo, MP.
This Zionist Labour Party Executive member is an 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor who owns a company specialising in trade with Iron Curtain countries

Fellow Tribune Group member and 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor, Jo Richardson, is a co-director of Mikardo's firm. Richardson is an active participant in the 'Anti Nazi League' and led a march jointly organised by the League through Redbridge, Barking and Newham on Saturday, 24th June, 1978.

Dennis Skinner is yet another former chairman of the Tribune Group. He has written not only for *Militant*, but for the Socialist Workers' Party paper, *Socialist*



Dennis Skinner, MP, another Marxist Tribune Group Sponsor of the 'Anti Nazi League'. He helps raise funds for the *Socialist Worker*

Worker. In the latter paper in 1972 he declared:

"I don't think there can be or will be a discreet reform of Capitalism through Parliament or otherwise. You have to aim for real power in society..."

In the 14th September, 1974 issue of *Socialist Worker* he signed his name to an advertisement appealing for funds for the paper.

Another extremist who is a Labour MP and an official Sponsor of the 'Anti Nazi



"Anti Nazi League" Sponsor Paul Rose, MP, is a keen Zionist who weaves the most elaborate conspiracy theories to enthralled journalists and High Court juries" -- reports 'A Doctor'

League' is Paul Rose. This horny handed son of toil has been campaigning to raise the election deposit so that only the rich can stand for Parliament.

In a letter to *Labour Weekly* (28.10.77) he stated:

"If there is to be a confrontation let the anti-Fascists choose the time and place and be there in such numbers that the NF will never march again."

Paul Rose is the author of the *Manchester Workers* which is about three Irish Republican heroes who murdered an English policeman. The book was published by Lawrence and Wishart, the Communist Party publishing company.

In addition to MPs, of course, there are many hundreds of Marxists in the Labour Party's rank and file who are involved with the 'Anti Nazi League'.

One such example is provided by Ted Knight, the Labour Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate for Horsey. He was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Horsey branch of the 'Anti Nazi League' which was held on the 27th April, 1978.

Mr. Knight was expelled from the Labour Party in the 1950s. A former member of the Trotskyite Socialist Labour League (now the Workers' Revolutionary Party) he was only re-admitted to the Labour Party in 1970. (N.B. The highly sectarian Workers' Revolutionary Party has put the 'Anti Nazi League' on its proscribed list.)

The Labour Party National Agent, Mr. Reg Underhill, commented: *"If the Labour Party's National Executive endorse candidates like Ted Knight, they will have taken a positive step to encourage the growth of Marxism in the Labour Party."* (From a letter quoted in *The Hidden Face of the Labour Party*, Spring 1978.)

Another Marxist Labour Party member who sponsors the 'Anti Nazi League' is Alex Kitson. A member of the National Executive of the Labour Party, he recently won notoriety for his praise of the Soviet Union. According to him: *"The Soviet system has*

recognised the right of the individual to determine his own destiny." Kitson has urged "close ties" between the Labour Movement and the Soviet Union. (See *The Free Nation*, 7-20 July, 1978.)

THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY

An editorial in the 8th July, 1978 issue of the Socialist Workers' Party newspaper, *Socialist Worker*, boasted that: *"Members of the Socialist Workers' Party have been in the forefront of the ANL."*

Not only was the SWP one of the main elements instrumental in the founding of the 'Anti Nazi League', but it is now also mainly responsible for providing the organisation's 'muscle'.

The SWP is a revolutionary Trotskyite group. Its statement of principles carried in each issue of *Socialist Worker* bluntly states: *"There is no Parliamentary road."*

The SWP's particular brand of Marxism is even more extreme than Moscow-line Communism. (Trotsky split away from the mass murderer, Joseph Stalin, because Trotsky regarded him as being too moderate.)

The SWP tries to hide its involvement. When the 'Anti Nazi League' was first set up, a TV debate on the Thames Television *Thames at Six* programme was held between one of its representatives and Martin Webster, National Activities Organiser of the National Front. Instead of fielding Paul Holborow, or any of the other leading figures, the 'Anti Nazi League' preferred to produce Lord Ted Willis, who was merely on the 'Anti Nazi League's' sponsorship list. They were afraid to use Holborow because his SWP connections would obviously have been exposed.

A brief look at the organisational structure of the 'Anti Nazi League', however, will reveal that besides having Holborow as the League's top man, the SWP runs and controls it at all levels. The local branches of the 'Anti Nazi League' are firmly in the hands of the SWP.

The following Secretary/Organisers of local 'Anti Nazi League' branches are all



A section of an 'Anti Nazi League' march in Portsmouth, Hants., on Saturday June 24th, 1978. Note the banner of the Trotskyite-Marxist Socialist Workers' Party.

members of the SWP:

Paul Lutner (South-East London), Simon Ogden (Sheffield), Jan Brooker (Hull), John Barker (Harrrogate), Roger Keely (Huddersfield), Steven Wright (Rotherham), Geoff Robinson (Bradford), Dr. Jean Lewis (Pontefract), Sue Elliot (Wakfield), Terry James (Cardiff), and Colin Barker (Manchester).

According to an 'Anti Nazi League' internal list the Secretary/Organisers of the North Devon, Swansea and Pontypridd branches are also SWP members.

The Cardiff branch of the 'Anti Nazi League' meets at Union Books, 58 Bridge Street, Cardiff. The SWP also meets there and effectively use it as their Welsh headquarters.

Leading activists of the Hounslow branch of the 'Anti Nazi League' include Jim McCann, who is a member of the SWP, and Martin Gerald, who is the SWP organiser for the Ealing/Hounslow area.

In Leeds, Adrian Sugar is the organiser for both the SWP and the 'Anti Nazi League'.

In Bradford, the 'Anti Nazi League' organiser is a teacher called Geoff Robinson who regularly sets *Socialist Worker* in Bradford's Broadway Precinct on Saturdays.

The 'Anti Nazi League'/'Socialist Workers' Party set-up in Newcastle is particularly revealing. Both organisations are based above a sex shop at 120 Westgate Road, Newcastle 1. They even share the same telephone number (Newcastle 29129). Ring up and ask for the 'Anti Nazi League' and you have the 'Anti Nazi League'. Ring up and ask for the *Socialist Workers' Party* and you have the *Socialist Workers' Party*.

Newcastle 'Anti Nazi League' also co-operates closely with the Tyne-side Socialist Centre, which is opposite the 'Anti Nazi League'/'Socialist Workers' Party office. This organisation deals with all revolutionary groups in the area including the Anarchist Federation. Newcastle's 'Anti Nazi League' has its literature printed by the Tyne and Wear Resource Centre which is based at 13 Swinburn Street, Gateshead 8 (Tel. 775615/6). This is a grouping of 'Community Action Groups' registered as a charity and receives grants from the Capitalist Gulbenkian Foundation and from the Government. It provides printing facilities to all Left-wing extremist movements.

Local Secretary of the 'Anti Nazi League', Bob Bagnall, is an SWP member. Bagnall's two 'Anti Nazi League' office helpers - Alan Weatherley and Keith Nessworthy - are both members of the SWP. Nessworthy has revealed that another joint 'Anti Nazi League'/SWP office is to be opened in Walsend.

In Doncaster, the 'Anti Nazi League' operates under the title of the Anti-Fascist Action Committee, though it is quite open about being a section of the 'Anti Nazi League'. In February 1978 this Doncaster section sent a letter to trade union branches together with a copy of its bulletin. The address given for replies was that of Stephen Knight who, besides belonging to the 'Anti Nazi League', is a member of the SWP and the Secretary of the local Doncaster section



Michael Napier, a convicted thug, is the Scottish organiser of the 'Anti Nazi League' and an official of the Socialist Workers' Party

of the Right to Work Campaign (another SWP front).

In Scotland the organiser of the 'Anti Nazi League' is an SWP official called Michael Napier. He has a criminal record for assault and breach of the peace arising out of a violent and unprovoked attack on National Front Chairman Mr. John Tyndall which took place in June 1977 after Mr. Tyndall left a Press Conference.

In Edinburgh the 'Anti Nazi League' has its printing done at a press run by SWP members in Spital Street.

Other sections of the 'Anti Nazi League' are also dominated by SWP members. The founder of 'Schoolkids Against the Nazis' (SKAN), for example, is Chris Trimby who is a member of the SWP.

A number of the official Sponsors of the 'Anti Nazi League' are SWP members or self-admitted SWP supporters. These include Paul Foot, a former editor of and now a columnist for the SWP's *Socialist Worker* and the nephew of Michael Foot. (The latter is currently a Labour Cabinet Minister and the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. He is a leading member of the Marxist Tribune Group, and has spoken at anniversary celebrations held in honour of the Communist Party's newspaper, *Morning Star*.)

Another 'Anti Nazi League' official Sponsor closely connected with the SWP is Dennis MacShane, the Marxist President of the National Union of Journalists. MacShane was sacked by BBC Radio London for organising bogus propaganda telephone calls



Paul Foot is an 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor. Described in the press as "the Socialist Workers' Party's best known member" as a result of the party's real bosses using him as a 'front' while they lurk in the shadows. Foot is a former

Editor of and currently a columnist in the *Socialist Worker*. The Oxford-educated offspring of the wealthy 'Left Feet' family.

to a 'phone-in' programme. He writes both for *Socialist Worker* and *Morning Star*.

Besides sharing personnel there are direct organisational links between the 'Anti Nazi League' and the SWP. The 'Anti Nazi League's' propaganda is printed by *Febege Litho Ltd.*, 3-4 The Oval, London E2. *Febege Litho* is the SWP's new printing firm. It took over after the SWP let *S.W. Litho* go bankrupt in May 1978. *Febege Litho* produces *Socialist Worker* and many other magazines including *Private Eye*, whose 'News' Editor Martin Tomkinson is an SWP member and *Socialist Worker* contributor who relies on 'research' produced by "research journalist" Gerry Gable (an 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor) - about whom more later. Paul Foot formerly held Tomkinson's job on *Private Eye*.

Forthcoming 'Anti Nazi League' activities are advertised in *Socialist Worker* under the heading of 'Meetings and events organised by the Socialist Workers' Party and its fraternal organisations.' An instance of this can be seen, for example, on page 12 of the 15th July, 1978 issue.

The 'Anti Nazi League's' 'carnivals' are jointly organised by Rock Against Racism, a group founded and run by SWP members. This was true of its 'London Carnival' on 30th April, 1978; its 'Northern Carnival' in Manchester on 15th July, 1978; and its 'Carnival 2' in London on 24th September, 1978.

In Yorkshire the SWP were responsible for all organisation for bringing people to the 'Northern Carnival'. Coaches were booked by someone by the name of Corrigan who happens to be the Leeds SWP treasurer. An account of the 'Northern Carnival' written by Paul Morley in the *New Musical Express* (22nd July, 1978) stated:

"Whilst listening to the speakers I'm weighed under with paper, continually accosted by someone wanting to sell some literary propaganda. Leaflets to join the SWP, the Young Communist League etc. This is not a little disturbing."

'Rock Against Racism' operates from 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1. It produces its own newspaper, *Temporary Hoarding*, which is also printed by the SWP's *Febege Litho Ltd.* One of *Temporary Hoarding's* contributors is Adam Kidron, the offspring of a wealthy property-dealer and landlord from South Africa who is one of several Jewish businessmen who have provided both political leadership and financial sponsorship for the SWP from its very outset.

'Anti Nazi League' supporters who set up a 'Railway Workers Against the Nazis' section used as its address: c/o Rank and File Centre, 265 Seven Sisters Road, N7. This was revealed in *CAN*, the magazine of the Camden group of the SWP's 'Rock Against Racism' front organisation. It was a dead giveaway for the address is that of an SWP bookshop.

Various organs of the Left press have let the cat out of the bag with regard to the involvement of the *Socialist Workers' Party* in the 'Anti Nazi League'.

Workers Action (25th March - 8th April, 1978) declared that:

"The ANL is not really a united front campaign based on action against the fascists. It is a behind closed doors alliance of the Socialist Workers' Party and the CP."

The *Charist* (April 1978) likewise described the 'Anti Nazi League' as "largely an SWP brainchild."

In an editorial in *Socialist Challenge* (4th May, 1978), the paper of the International Marxist Group, under the heading of "Hats off to the SWP," Tariq Ali admitted that the 'Anti Nazi League' was "an initiative undertaken and launched by the comrades of the SWP."

Gavin Weightman writing in *New Society* (11.5.78) stated:

"Raise the lid on any part of the ANL and you are likely to find an SWP member inside... When I called at the League's office all three volunteers working there were SWP members."

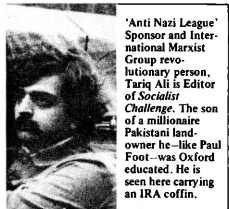
Pace News (14.7.78) stated:

"But it's clear that whatever the disclaimers made about not being an SWP front, the SWP hold most of the key positions regionally and locally..."

A highly critical booklet produced on the 'Anti Nazi League' by the Workers' Revolutionary Party stated that the League "was launched by the Socialist Workers' Party."

INTERNATIONAL MARXIST GROUP

The International Marxist Group, a loose confederation of ever multiplying ideological factions which makes a sorry attempt at rivaling the SWP, is not so well represented when it comes to sharing out the plum jobs. They are represented on the 'Anti Nazi League's' list of Sponsors by their leading



'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor and International Marxist Group representative, Tariq Ali is Editor of *Socialist Challenge*. The son of a millionaire Pakistani landowner he—like Paul Foot—was Oxford educated. He is seen here carrying an IRA coffin.

member Tariq Ali, however, and he has spoken from the platform of at least one of the organisation's meetings—e.g. at Oldham, on Wednesday, 5th July, 1978.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Speaking of the Communist Party, a statement by the Central Committee of the SWP in a May 1978 secret members' bulletin revealed that "After initially refusing to have anything to do with the Anti Nazi League 'they have now been forced to come round.'"

The 16th May, 1978 issue of the Communist Party's daily newspaper, *Morning Star*, urged Communist Party members to join the 'Anti Nazi League' and participate fully in its activities. The Communist Party has also issued an "Action Guide" entitled *Racism—how to combat it*. It states:

"Communist Party branches and Area Committees should become co-sponsors of existing (local) ANLs, becoming involved in their activities, and becoming individual ANL members."

The Communist Party has two 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsors formally representing it. These are *Gordon McLennan* and *Mick McGahey* of the NUM. The Communist Party affiliations of these two, however, are diplomatically left off the printed list of Sponsors distributed by the 'Anti Nazi League'. Then there is *Vishnu Sharma* amongst the 'Anti Nazi League's' Sponsors. He represents the *Indian Workers' Association*, but he is also on the Communist Party Executive.

Two other leading Trade Unionists with Communist connections who support the 'Anti Nazi League' are *Lawrence Daly*, General Secretary of the National Union of Miners, and *Bob Wright* of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Daly, a "former Communist Party member, visited Poland in 1976 to discuss developing co-operation between the NUM and the Polish miners' unions, which are simply organs of the Communist state used to keep the workers in line."

Wright is a speaker at *Morning Star* rallies and a supporter of the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions which is a Communist Party front. Wright was supported by the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers' Party and other Marxist factions in his unsuccessful campaign to win the Presidency of the AUEW.

One Communist Party fellow traveller who is a Sponsor of the 'Anti Nazi League' is the Rev. *Paul Oestreicher*. Of German-Jewish background, Oestreicher has dedicated his life to promoting a "Christian-Marxist synthesis" and has organised a number of Christian-Marxist conferences to this end under the auspices of the British Council of Churches. He developed a firm friendship with the late Communist Party theoretician,



Rev. Paul Oestreicher, an 'Anti Nazi League' Sponsor, also sponsors a "Marxist-Christian Synthesis" and employs Marxist curates at his Blackheath church

James Klugman, with whom he was joint author of a book which developed this Christian-Marxist "dialogue". He frequently preaches behind the Iron Curtain with the approval of the Communist authorities, and he also has influence with the East German Government's secret police.

Another Sponsor of the 'Anti Nazi League' is the actor *Alfie Bass*, who has opened fund-raising bazaars held in Hampstead in aid of *Morning Star*.

OTHER MARXISTS

As the Socialist Workers' Party and the Labour Party have cornered most of the positions in the 'Anti Nazi League', other more minor groups are only represented in a small way. Individuals from other Marxist organisations do, however, hold positions in the 'Anti Nazi League'. The head of the *Exter* branch, for example, is *John Bader* of the *New Communist Party*—the hardline Stalinist group which broke away from the *King Street CPGB*.

Another hardline Stalinist who left the Communist Party because of its alleged "liberal drift" and who is now involved in the 'Anti Nazi League' is *Dave Roberts*. He was a platform speaker at an 'Anti Nazi League' meeting held in Rotherham on Sunday, 2nd July, 1978.

Some time ago Roberts came into contact with *Searchlight* Editor Maurice Ludmer, and worked for him as an infiltrator and agent provocateur in Right-wing groups. He was arrested, charged and convicted for his participation in an agent provocateur action in which he and some associates smashed up an Indian restaurant in Birmingham. He was given a suspended prison sentence which he later served as a result of a subsequent criminal conviction. Left-wing gossip has it that Roberts is increasingly interested in the potential of paramilitary operations.

THE ZIONIST UNDERCURRENT

Though, as discussed above, the Zionists' 'respectable' organisation—the *Board of Deputies of British Jews*—has distanced itself from the 'Anti Nazi League', there is still a very strong undercurrent of Zionist involvement associated with the League and some of its leading personalities and founding organisations.

Searchlight magazine, for example, whose Jewish editor is 'Anti Nazi League' Steering Committee member, Maurice Ludmer, was formerly printed by the *Narod Press*, 129/131 Cavell Street, London E1. Prior to the launching of *Searchlight* the *Narod Press* printed a booklet entitled *A Well Oiled Nazi Machine* for *Searchlight's* publishing company, A. F. & R. Press, which was founded by the Jewish 'research' journalist and former Communist Party candidate, *Gerry Gable*.

Narod Press also prints booklets for the *Zionist World Jewish Congress*, of which the *Board of Deputies of British Jews* is the official British section.